



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

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Appeal  
Brief  
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In re Application of:	)	
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Inventor: Brian D. Gantt et al.	)	Examiner: L. Sealey
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Serial #: 09/186,270	)	Group Art Unit: 2671
	)	
Filed: November 4, 1998	)	Appeal No.: _____
	)	
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR	)	
INTERACTIVELY MANIPULATING	)	
AND DISPLAYING PRESUMPTIVE	)	
RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN	)	
GRAPHIC OBJECTS	)	

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

I. Introduction

This response and the accompanying Third Supplemental Appeal Brief are being submitted in response to the Examiner's Office Action dated November 19, 2002 received in the above-identified application. The Third Supplemental Appeal Brief is submitted in triplicate.

No fee is required for filing the Third Supplemental Appeal Brief. However, the Office is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-0494 of Gates & Cooper LLP.

II. Allegedly Defective Supplemental Appeal Brief

In the Office Action, the Examiner states that the Supplemental Appeal Brief filed on October 10, 2002 was defective and therefore unacceptable, because it did not include a grouping of claims as required under 37 C.F.R. §1.192(a)(7).

Appellants' attorney has revised the Supplemental Appeal Brief and submits the Third Supplemental Appeal Brief in its place.

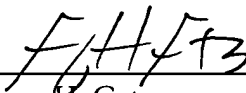
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